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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to thank your agency for its emergency measures to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption. This is a very important issue for me as it not only addresses the cruelty often inflicted upon these poor animals, but it also protects the citizen of this nation against possible consumption of possibly contaminated meat from these animals. As a concerned citizen, I am asking that you make the ban permanent, and include all downed animals — sheep, pigs and other livestock, as well as all downed cattle — in the final ban. Finally, as a person that is fond of all animals and strongly believe that all creatures deserve to be treated humanely, I am asking that the USDA add a requirement that all downed animals be humanely euthanized immediately, wherever they become downed. Thank you for considering my requests.

Sincerely,



Ms. Lisa Hicks